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APPLICANT: FORSSMANN ET AL (PCT)
SERIAL NO.: 09/242,254 EXAMINER: P. BASKAR
FILED: MAY 7, 1999 GROUP: 1645
TITLE: A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN
ORGANISM THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2000 for two (2) months, from JUNE 1, 2000 to AUGUST 1, 2000. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(2), is a check in the amount of \$190.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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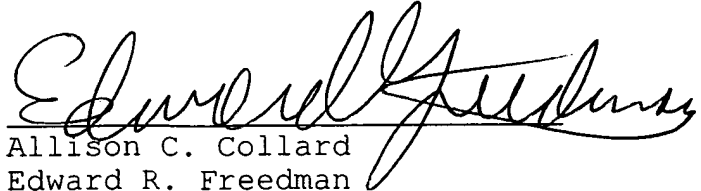
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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Check in the amount of \$190.00

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